



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68450

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Appln. No.: 10/049,422

Group Art Unit: 1723

Confirmation No.: 1033

Examiner: MENON, KRISHNAN S.

Filed: February 12, 2002

For: MICROFILTRATION FILTER CARTRIDGE AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 16, 2004 to March 16, 2004.

Please charge the statutory fee of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

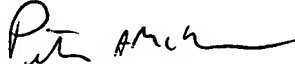
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